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Nomination of a member and an alternate member to the staff pension committee of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

Note by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

I. Introduction

1. The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea has been a member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund since 1 January 1997.

2. In conformity with the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the sixteenth Meeting of States Parties decided that the staff pension committee of the Tribunal would be constituted as follows:

(a) One member and one alternate member to be chosen by the Meeting of States Parties for a term of office of two years;

(b) One member and one alternate member to be appointed by the Registrar for a term of office of two years;

(c) One member and one alternate member to be elected by the staff members who are participants in the Fund for a term of office of two years (SPLOS/147).

3. The seventeenth Meeting of States Parties appointed Senegal and Canada as member and alternate member of the pension committee, respectively (SPLOS/164).

II. Term of office

4. For practical reasons and following the practice of the staff pension committees of several organizations whose members have a term of office longer than two years,[1] the staff pension committee of the Tribunal, at its first regular

[1] The terms of the office of the members of the staff pension committees of the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organization and the International Fund for Agricultural Development are longer than two years.

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meeting, recommended that the term of office of members and alternate members of the staff pension committee of the Tribunal be changed from two to three years. This recommendation was endorsed by the Tribunal during its twenty-ninth session.

III. Nomination of a member and an alternate member to the staff pension committee

5. In light of the expiry of the terms of office of the member and alternate member representing the Meeting of States Parties on the staff pension committee, the Meeting of States Parties may wish to nominate States with a permanent diplomatic or consular presence in Berlin or Hamburg as a member and as an alternate member; the nominated States could then appoint local diplomats as their representatives on the staff pension committee. Further, the Meeting may also wish to approve the proposed amendment of the term of office from two years to three years. A draft decision concerning the nomination of the member and alternate member representing the Meeting of States Parties on the staff pension committee and the amendment of the term of office is contained in the annex to the present note.

Annex

Draft decision relating to the staff pension committee of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

The Meeting of States Parties,

Considering that the Meeting of States Parties at its sixteenth session decided to establish the staff pension committee of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, which was to be composed of three members and three alternate members to be nominated, appointed and/or elected by the Meeting of States Parties, by the Registrar, and by the staff members who are participants in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,

Considering that the Meeting of States Parties at its seventeenth session decided to nominate the Embassy of Senegal in Berlin as a member and the Embassy of Canada in Berlin as an alternate member to represent it on the staff pension committee,

Noting that the terms of office of the Embassy of Senegal in Berlin and the Embassy of Canada in Berlin have expired,

Noting also that the Tribunal has made a recommendation to amend the term of office of the members and alternate members of the Staff Pension Committee from two years to three years,

Noting further that, once the terms of office have expired, the members and alternate members continue to hold office until successors are nominated, appointed or elected,

1. *Decides* that the Meeting of States Parties will nominate States with a permanent diplomatic or consular presence in Berlin or Hamburg as a member and as an alternate member of the Committee and that the nominated States will then appoint local diplomats as their representatives on the staff pension committee;

2. *Decides* to amend the term of office of the members and alternate members of the staff pension committee from two years to three years.